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The SPECTATOR.

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Naribus indulges—— Perſ.

Thurſday, October 2. 1712.

MY Friend Will Honycomb has told me, for above this half Year, that he had a great Mind to try his Hand at a *Spectator*, and that he would fain have one of his writing in my Works. This Morning I received from him the following Letter, which, after having rectified ſome little Orthographical Miſtakes, I ſhall make a Preſent of to the Publick.

Dear Spec.

'I Was, about two Nights ago, in Company with 'very agreeable young People of both Sexes, 'where talking of ſome of your Papers which are 'written on Conjugal Love, there aroſe a Diſpute among us, whether there were not more 'bad Husbands in the World than bad Wives. A 'Gentleman, who was Advocate for the Ladies, 'took this Occaſion to tell us the Story of a famous Siege in *Germany*, which I have ſince found 'related in my Hiſtorical Dictionary, after the following manner. When the Emperor *Conrade* the 'Third had beſieged *Guelphus*, Duke of *Bavaria*, 'in the City of *Hensberg*, the Women finding that 'the Town could not poſſibly hold out long, petitioned the Emperor that they might depart out 'of it, with ſo much as each of them could carry. 'The Emperor, knowing they could not convey 'away many of their Effects, granted them their Petition: When the Women, to his great Surprize, came 'out of the Place with every one her Husband upon her Back. The Emperor was ſo moved at the 'Sight, that he burſt into Tears, and after having 'very much extolled the Women for their Conjugal Affection, gave the Men to their Wives, 'and received the Duke into his Favour.

'The Ladies did not a little triumph at this 'Story, asking us, at the ſame time, whether in 'our Conſciences we believed that the Men of 'any Town in *Great Britain* would, upon the 'ſame Offers, and at the ſame Conjuncture, have 'loaden themſelves with their Wives; or rather, 'whether they would not have been glad of ſuch 'an Opportunity to get rid of them? To this my 'very good Friend *Tom Dapperwit*, who took upon him to be the Mouth of our Sex, replied, that 'they would be very much to blame if they wou'd 'not do the ſame good Office for the Women, 'conſidering that their Strength would be greater, 'and their Burdens lighter. As we were amuſing 'our ſelves with Diſcourſes of this Nature, in order to paſs away the Evening, which now begins 'to grow tedious, we fell into that laudable and 'primitive Diverſion of Queſtions and Commands. 'I was no ſooner veſted with the Regal Authority, 'but I enjoined all the Ladies, under pain of my 'Diſpleaſure, to tell the Company ingeniouſly, in 'caſe they had been in the Siege abovementioned, 'and had the ſame Offers made them as the good 'Women of that Place, what every one of them 'would have brought off with her, and have 'thought moſt worth the ſaving? There were ſeveral merry Anſwers made to my Queſtion, 'which entertained us till Bed-time. This filled 'my Mind with ſuch an huddle of Ideas, that upon my going to ſleep I fell into the following 'Dream.

'I ſaw a Town of this Iſland, which ſhall be 'nameleſs, inveſted on every ſide, and the Inhabitants of it ſo ſtreightned as to cry for Quarter. 'The General refuſed any other Terms than thoſe 'granted to the abovementioned Town of *Hensberg*, 'namely, that the married Women might come 'out with what they could bring along with them. 'Immediately the City Gates flew open, and a Female 'Proceſſion appeared, Multitudes of the Sex following one another in a row, and ſtaggering under their reſpective Burdens. I took my Stand 'upon an Eminence in the Enemies Camp, which 'was appointed for the general Rendezvous of theſe 'Female Carriers, being very deſirous to look into their ſeveral Ladings. The firſt of them had 'an huge Sack upon her Shoulders, which ſhe ſet 'down with great Care: Upon the opening of it, 'when I expected to have ſeen her Husband ſhot 'out of it, I found it was filled with China Ware. 'The next appeared in a more decent Figure, carrying an handſom young Fellow upon her Back: 'I could not forbear commending the young Woman

man for her Conjugal Affection, when, to my great Surprise, I found that she had left the good Man at home, and brought away her Gallant. I saw the third, at some distance, with a little withered Face peeping over her Shoulder, whom I could not suspect for any but her Spouse, till upon her setting him down I heard her calling him dear Pugg, and found him to be her Favourite Monkey. A fourth brought a huge Bale of Cards along with her; and the fifth a *Bolonia* Lapdog, for her Husband it seems being a very Burly Man, she thought it would be less Trouble for her to bring away little *Cupid*. The next was the Wife of a rich Usurer, loaden with a Bag of Gold; she told us that her Spouse was very old, and by the Course of Nature could not expect to live long, and that to shew her tender regards for him she had saved that which the poor Man loved better than his Life. The next came towards us with her Son upon her Back, who, we were told, was the greatest Rake in the Place, but so much the Mother's Darling that she left her Husband behind, with a large Family of hopeful Sons and Daughters, for the sake of this Graceless Youth.

'It would be endless to mention the several Persons, with their several Loads, that appeared to me in this strange Vision. All the Place about me was covered with Packs of Ribbands, Brocades, Embroidery, and Ten thousand other Materials, sufficient to have furnish'd a whole street of Toy-shops. One of the Women, having an Husband who was none of the heaviest, was bringing him off upon her Shoulders, at the same time that she carried a great Bundle of *Flanders-Lace* under her Arm; but finding herself so over-loaden that she could not save both of them, she drop'd the good Man, and brought away the Bundle. In short, I found but one Husband among this great Mountain of Baggage, who was a lively Cobler, that kicked and spurr'd all the while his Wife was carrying him on, and, as it was said, had scarce passed a Day in his Life without giving her the Discipline of the Strap.

'I cannot conclude my Letter, Dear SPEC, without telling thee one very odd Whim in this my Dream. I saw, methought, a dozen Women employed in bringing off one Man; I could not guess who it should be, till upon his nearer approach I discovered thy short Phiz. The Women all declared that it was for the sake of thy Works, and not thy Person, that they brought thee off, and that it was on condition that thou shouldst continue the *Spectator*. If thou thinkest this Dream will make a tolerable one, it is at thy Service, from,

Dear SPEC,

Thine, Sleeping and Waking,

WILL. HONYCOMB.

The Ladies will see, by this Letter, what I have often told them, that WILL. is one of those old-fashioned Men of Wit and Pleasure of the Town, that shews his Parts by Raillery on Marriage, and one who has often tryed his Fortune that way without Success. I cannot however dismiss his Letter, without observing, that the true Story on which it is built does Honour to the Sex, and that in order to abuse them, the Writer is obliged to have recourse to Dream and Fiction.

Advertisements for this Paper continue to be taken in by S. Buckley *at the* Dolphin *in* Little-Britain, J. Tonson *at* Shakespear's *Head in the* Strand, C. Lillie *at the Corner of* Beaufort Buildings, *and* A. Baldwin *in* Warwick-Lane.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane this present Thursday, being the 2d of October, will be presented a Comedy call'd, Rule a Wife and have a Wife. Written by Beaumont and Fletcher. The part of Leon the 1st Time, the Copper Captain by Mr. Wilks, Estifania by Mrs. Oldfield, Cacafogo by Mr Bullock, Margaretta by Mrs. Knight, Altea by Mrs. Bicknell, Old Woman Mr. Norris. To which will be added a Farce of one Act only, call'd the Country Wake. The part of Hob by Mr. Dogget. By Her Majesty's Command no Persons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

The Corpus Omnium Poetarum Latinorum, secundum Seriem Temporum, in two large Volumes Folio, being near finished, will be ready to be deliver'd by the twentieth of November next. Notice is now given that those that have Subscribed, or intend to do so, pay in their first Payment, and enter their Names, by the tenth of November, 1712, after which it will be 50s. in Quires Small, and 5 Guineas Large Paper, it making about 50 Sheets more than proposed, besides the Largeness of the Index. &c. The Undertakers are Jacob Tonson at Shakespear's Head in the Strand; John Nicholson at the Queens Arms in Little Britain; and Bern. Lintot at the Temple Gate; where Subscriptions are taken in, and by most other Booksellers in Town and Country.

This Day is published,

The 8th, 9th, and 10th Parts of Dr. Bently's Horace, Latin and English; which compleats the 2d Book of the Odes. Also a new Translation of C. Nepos. A new Miscellany of Poems with the Rape of the Lock. Madam Dacier's Homer 5 Vols. Mr. Gardiner on the Beatitudes. Notes to all the Tatlers and to the 4 Vols. of the Spectators. All Mr. Steel's and Mr. Farquhar's Comedies. All Shakespear's Poems, Printed from Editions Publish'd by himself. All Printed for Bernard Lintott between the two Temple Gates. N. B. There is in the Press a new Translation of Quintus Curtius in English, Printed on a new Elziver Letter. Also an Abridgement of Du Pin's Ecclesiastical History, Translated from the French Edition Printed at Paris.

On Friday the third of October Instant, John Archbald with a Coach and able Horses, Sets out from the Bell-Head the lower end of Grays-Inn-Lane to bring Company from the Bath. This is to give Notice that any Person may be carried to Bath or any other Place on that Road, at a Reasonable Rate.

To be Let, a very handsom new built Brick House in Hoxton near London, 3 Rooms on a Floor, besides Kitchin, Pantry, Brewhouse, with a Copper and a Cestern, all the Rooms well Wainscotted, Marble Hearths, and Chimney-pieces, all the Windows Sash'd, Japan Locks and Keys to the Doors, the House flat at the Top, with Rails and Bannisters, an handsom Court Yard, and all other things suitable for a Gentlemans Family. Inquire of Henry Ford Carpenter, in Juxo-street near Aldersgate-street, or Nathaniel Meade Esq; at his Chambers in Brick Court, Middle Temple.

Whereas an Advertisement was on the 29th of September put up on Mr. Goodlad's back Garden-door at Mile-End (concerning a Lady who lodges in the said House:) This is to give Notice, that whoever shall discover to the said Mr. Goodlad (at his House aforesaid, or at the Hare in Fen-Church Street) the Person who put up the said Advertisement, shall receive two Guineas Reward.

The Gentlewoman who liv'd 20 Years in Racquet-Court, and 7 Years in Crane-Court in Fleetstreet, and has served most of the Quality in England, Scotland and Ireland, also the East and West Indies, with the most excellent Curiosities for preserving the Face, Hands and Teeth, in present Beauty; for colouring red or grey Hair to a lovely brown or black, a Cosmatick that certainly takes away the Spots and Marks remaining after the Small-Pox, with many other rare Secrets in Physick, is now removed to her own House the upper end of Wine Office Court in Gough Square, next Door to the Sun dial on the Left-hand, where you may be furnished with all things as formerly, and all prepared with her own Hand: She is to be spoken with every Day from 9 to 12, and from 2 till 8 at Night. She has a House in Lawrence-street near the Church in Chelsea, to be Lett or sold, of 4 Rooms, and a large Drafting-room on a Floor; with a Garden in good Order, well planted with Wall-fruit and Greens, and other Fruit-trees; a good Kitchen, Wash-house and Brew-house, and all other Offices fit for a Family. Enquire at Mrs. Maddox's over against the Cross-Keys in Chelsea, or at her House in Wine Office-Court as above directed.

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